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Baby's death: inquest told of 'missed opportunity'

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE maternity ward of Milton Keynes University Hospital has been criticised by a coroner for a lack of leadership after it was found there was a 'missed opportunity' to potentially prevent the death of a baby boy.

Ethan Johnson died just one day after being born on January 4 at the hospital, after complications during his mother Claire Johnson's labour.

An inquest into Ethan's death at Milton Keynes Coroners' Court in Crownhill yesterday heard there was a 'missed opportunity' to potentially save his life, after a CTG scan measuring his heartbeat was determined as 'abnormal', but the decision to carry out a caesarean section was delayed.

A visibly emotional Claire, from Bletchley, told the coroner: "I just want the truth about why my son died. If there were mistakes made then I want them be honest about that. I don't want to see anyone go through this."

Ethan's death followed changes implemented at the hospital following an alarming period where there were five baby deaths in eight months in 2013 and 2014.

The court heard how Ethan died following meconium asphyxiation - where he inhaled faeces in the fluid found inside the womb.

An internal review by the hospital before the inquest found the death was 'unavoidable', but Milton Keynes Coroner Tom Osborne was so concerned with what he felt was a lack of 'adequate' leadership on the ward that day that he is writing a 'prevent further death' report to its chief executive Joe Harrison.

Claire Johnson had raised concerns during her statement to the court that she felt 'nobody was in charge' and that it was 'chaos'.

Mr Osborne concluded: "I am not convinced that there was adequate leadership or that it is in place. Unless it changes there is a chance further deaths could take place."

He added it was 'one of the most difficult' inquests he had ever been involved in, but hoped 'similar deaths could be avoided'.

Ed Neale, clinical director for women and children's services at the hospital, told MK NEWS: "The coroner's findings were fair and we are extremely sorry for what happened to Ethan.

"In hindsight we could have delivered Ethan earlier, but we would never know if it would have saved him. We have had our problems but we are turning it around.

"We are continuing to improve and enhance the leadership on the labour ward and the unit."

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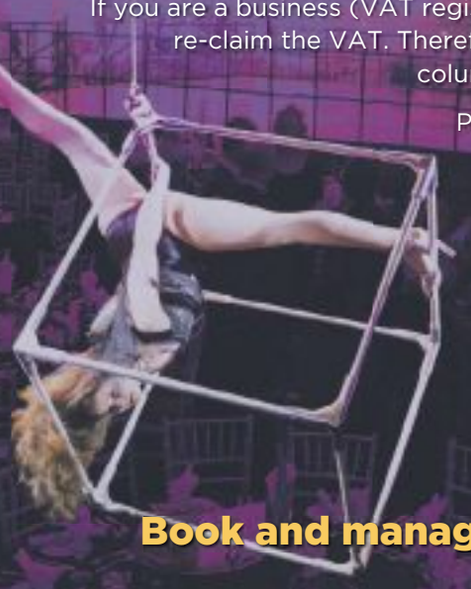

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Album release: Olly Murs pictured with a fan when he last visited MK in 2012

Olly Murs to visit for book signing

OLLY Murs has announced that he is coming to Milton Keynes in October.

The singer and X Factor presenter is coming to WH Smith in the centre:mk to do a book signing with his fans.

The signing is expected to start from 10am on Saturday, October 10.

Ticketmaster confirmed that some tickets are still available at the time we went to print but numbers are limited.

Ticket price for book signings is £18.99 and includes one copy of Olly Murs' book On The Road.

The book contains lots of unseen pictures and first-hand accounts from the 30-year-old star.

Olly Murs last came to Milton Keynes in 2012 to promote his album 'Right Place Right Time' at HMV and hundreds of fans turned out.

To see a gallery of Olly's last visit to Milton Keynes visit www.onemk.co.uk.

Prince Charles buys DIY store in city centre

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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PRINCE Charles has bought the B&Q store in Central Milton Keynes.

The £35million branch of the DIY shop was bought by the Prince of Wales who will now charge £2.2million a year for the property in Rooksley shopping centre.

Stretching across 117,000sq ft, the shop is set to earn more revenue for the Duchy of Cornwall, which is controlled by Prince Charles.

The Duchy was set up by Edward III in 1337, and it owns a number of estates that fund the Prince of Wales.

Other properties owned by the Duchy are said to include a Holiday Inn, Dartmoor Prison and the Oval cricket ground in Lambeth.

A spokesman from B&Q said: "The transaction was between our previous and new landlord, but as our new landlord we would very much welcome His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to join our B&Q Diamond Club."

Writing for the Duchy's annual report this year, Secretary and Keeper of the Records, Alastair Martin said: "Over the next few years the Duchy aims to increase the revenue surplus at least in line with inflation.

"Given the economic difficulties facing the agricultural sector and the continuing need for forward-funded infrastructure at the Duchy's key development sites, meeting this target will be challenging.

"Further diversification within the portfolio will be sought where possible to underpin revenue growth."

People have been sharing their views on the purchase on OneMK's Facebook page.

Richie Legend said: "I heard that Buckingham Palace is falling into disrepair, maybe he bought it to get a discount on the bits they need to repair it?"

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Leading the way: Council leader Pete Marland and Eric Chang, principal technologist, with the driverless pod

Driverless 'pod' unveiled

THE first of three driverless "pod" vehicles was unveiled to the public outside Milton Keynes Central on Tuesday morning.

The electric-powered LUTZ Pathfinder pod was shown to commuters and other members of the public, with members of the Transport Systems Catapult project team on hand to answer questions.

Milton Keynes Council leader Pete Marland said: "It is fantastic that Milton Keynes is at the forefront of this global technology race, and seeing them on the streets will be amazing."

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Concerns over fire proposals

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has raised concerns over a proposed new blue light hub because it could increase response times to areas in Milton Keynes North.

On Monday, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue started a two-month public consultation on its plans to open a new £4.4million emergency services base in West Ashland, combining Bletchley police and fire stations with Great Holm fire station.

According to the plans, it will take 10 minutes from West Ashland to get to towns in Milton Keynes North including Stony Stratford and Wolverton. At present the station in Great Holm responds to these areas in five minutes. But the proposal stresses that the suggested site is closer to the A5 and stations in Newport Pagnell, Olney and Broughton will remain.

Regional FBU secretary James Wolfenden said: "The relocation of frontline services from Great Holm fire station to the proposed new site in West Ashlands will without question significantly increase the time it takes for firefighters to respond to emergencies in areas of northern Milton Keynes.

"Furthermore, the plans for MK Western Expansion include the construction of 6,000 dwellings, comparable in size to Buckingham. It seems completely misguided to close Great Holm fire station given this expansion."

Wolverton and Greenleys town councillor Mike Galloway said: "Getting around Milton Keynes is usually quite easy, however there are plenty of times when it is far from easy particularly when there are events at stadium:mk or the National Bowl. Focusing the fire service in the south of Milton Keynes is very likely to lead to a danger of a poor response time to the city centre, Wolverton and Stony Stratford and other areas in the north of Milton Keynes on days when these events are being held."

Bucks Fire stresses in the document that all views will be considered during the consultation which runs until November 9.

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Don't jump the gun

WITH reference to your cover story in the edition dated September 9, 2015.

While me and my family too share the grief and sorrow of refugees, we have a different view to what is expressed in your cover story where some of the MK citizens are ready to share a part of their homes to accommodate refugees.

1) MK NEWS has been publishing a lot of miserable reports on homeless people in MK, some staying in tents in the cold and rain and others begging for food and looking for it in leftover bins.

The same MK citizens who are now ready to house the refugees, had this opportunity to show their generous side if they were really serious. Let's set our own house right first.

2) They are ready to house refugees. How do they plan to vet that they are not helping any of the radical extremists who have found an easy way into the UK. We don't want a 'Charlie Hebdo' or a 'Lee Rigby' on Milton Keynes streets, simply because we are over-generous.

3) Will the gentlemen also ensure that other than housing, they also pay for all other expenses for refugees so that the they don't end up just being benefit tourists and add to the already crunched benefit and education budget of MK council.

Let's not jump the line and let a nationwide policy be formed at the highest level first before offering our help.

Deepak Aggarwal
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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

"A WEEK is a long time in politics" as the saying goes.

But after almost a month away from Milton Keynes, it's incredible what I've missed.

Here are just a few of the highlights while I toured Canada's east coast.

Apparently, MK is now the fifth best place to live in the country, according to totallymoney.com who say the cost of living here and the job market are just two reasons that make it fantastic.

And it seems that thecentre:mk and intu Milton Keynes have slipped out of the top five of best shopping centres in the country to visit.

Meanwhile, American hamburger chain Five Guys have opened a store at the Xscape, firmly establishing Milton Keynes as the hamburger capital of North Buckinghamshire (as previously reported here).

A new bar is set to open in the Theatre District, giving a much-needed boost to this area, as also previously reported in this column.

Pub chain Wetherspoons announced they'll be moving into the old Robinson's restaurant in Newport Pagnell, adding to the town's already significant number of drinking locations, but with no opening date announced – but possibly in time for Christmas?

Then the Foo Fighters sold out two incredible nights at the Bowl (I read the reviews on holiday, and was gutted I missed them).

But the most incredible news of all? Priscilla Presley, yes, Elvis's missus, is appearing in panto at MK Theatre. From Memphis to Milton Keynes? Who'd have believed it? It's good to be back.

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Deals, Wheels and Steals: Walter Chrobak stars in a new TV show

Car restorer in TV contest

AN OWNER of a car restoration business in Bow Brickhill is set to star in ITV 1 show Deals, Wheels and Steals which begins next Tuesday.

Walter Chrobak, 42, owner of Retro Classica, features on the show which pits six car dealers against each another at auctions to bag a bargain and sell it on for the biggest profit.

Speaking to MK NEWS, he said: "It was a good team of guys and we all got on really well, but it did get competitive!

Extra platforms for train station

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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TWO new platforms at Bletchley Station have been included in the second phase of the plans for the East West Rail project.

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council (BFSTC) has welcomed the plans which it hopes will bring economic growth to the town.

Network Rail is inviting people to have their say on proposals to upgrade the railway between Bicester and Bedford and Milton Keynes and Princes Risborough. The work would involve upgrading and reconstructing underused and mothballed sections of the railway, including Bletchley, to link the Great Western, Chiltern, West Coast and Midland main lines north of London.

A spokesman from BFSTC said: " BFSTC believe that the additional two platforms would be extremely beneficial to the regeneration of central Bletchley.

"Not only would it boost business growth, it will create new jobs, ease traffic congestion and create more journey possibilities. This cannot come soon enough."

Once complete, this work would mean three more train routes that would stop at Bletchley.

Martin Frobisher, Network Rail route managing director, said: "We want to hear your views in order to properly understand what's needed for the next phase of this scheme."

Residents can find out more on the scheme on September 25 at Sycamore Hall, Bletchley, from 12pm to 8pm.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Robbery in play park

A 32-YEAR-OLD man was robbed at the play park in Peartree at 10.55pm on Saturday, September 5. The man handed over some cash after a struggle and received scratches. Visit www.onemk.co.uk for more information.

MK weather warning

A YELLOW warning for 'severe weather' has been issued by the Met Office for today and tomorrow. Find out more at www.onemk.co.uk

Centre gets approval

PLANNING permission has been granted for the £2.5million Oak Tree Centre community building in Shenley Brook End. More online at www.onemk.co.uk

Appeal after nightclub assault

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to following an assault in the nightclub Pink Punters, Bletchley.

At around 5am on August 31 a 22-year-old man was punched in the face on the dance floor in the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender nightclub in Watling Street. Pc Malcolm Gorton said: "This was a frightening ordeal for the victim and we would like to speak to the man in the CCTV who may have information."

The image can be seen at www.onemk.co.uk. Any witnesses should call 101.

Immigrants at M1 services

TWO suspected illegal immigrants were arrested by Thames Valley Police on the M1 northbound carriageway by Newport Pagnell Services.

Police were called to the scene by a lorry driver at about 10.27am yesterday. The two men were arrested on the carriageway of the M1, after police received telephone calls.

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Back on his feet: Shaun Lambley, the head property guardian. Below, Sarah Reid, Ad Hoc's area manager

'Guardians' look after old home

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A FORMER care home in Milton Keynes has 20 people living there – but they're caring for the home rather than the other way around.

An alternative security system pioneered by property management company Ad Hoc sees normal working people – known as "property guardians" – live in the property to deter burglars and squatters, rather than having cameras or security guards do the job.

St Giles House in Stony Stratford used to be a 40-bed care home, but since it closed and went on the market around two-and-a-half years ago, it has become the home of 20 of the property guardians.

Shaun Lambley, 35, the head guardian, said: "I moved to Stony Stratford in 2010 and bought my own house there.

"I work for myself and couldn't afford the mortgage payments when I'd broken my ankle because I couldn't work."

He explained how the low rent – about 50 per cent of the local rate – helped him get back on his feet.

"Now, because living here is so cheap, I've dropped my hours down to three or four days a week and I've got to the point where I'm on top of it," he said.

Ad Hoc has a set of guidelines it looks for in property guardians – they have to have a job, for example – and they are asked to follow a behavioural code, including no parties, limits on overnight guests and monthly room inspections with no prior warning.

Sarah Reid, Ad Hoc's area manager for Peterborough and East of England, said: "We can work with property owners of any description, but primarily we work with commercial properties.

"Options are sometimes limited for owners of these commercial properties – security guards are very expensive, for example – but sometimes they haven't heard of property guardians."

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Man arrested after collision

POLICE have arrested a 20-year-old man from Fullers Slade on suspicion of committing offences including aggravated vehicle taking and dangerous driving.

The man was arrested by Thames Valley police's roads policing team following a fail-to-stop serious injury collision on Friday on Millers Way.

As a result of the collision a 16-year-old girl suffered a broken ankle and required hospital treatment.

Any witnesses should call police on 101 or anonymously on Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Boy, 12, bitten by dog

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy was bitten on the back of his leg by a Staffordshire bull terrier-type dog.

The victim was bitten on Thursday at around 8am on the corner of Benbow Crescent in Shenley Church End. The brown dog was on a lead and being walked by a woman in her mid-40s, with shoulder-length straight black hair. She was wearing black trousers and a black long-sleeved T-shirt. Witnesses should call police on 101.

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This isn't Buddy – budgie owner

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A MUM-of-two from Newport Pagnell has claimed a pet shop lost her budgie while she was on holiday and tried to replace it with another – which looks completely different.

Justine Wery, 25, of Pennycress Way, went on holiday to Turkey for two weeks and paid for her four birds – three budgies and an Indian ringneck – to be looked after by Bruno's Pet Shop at Whilton Locks Garden Centre in Daventry.

Buddy the budgie is a striking blue adult male but when she went to collect him, Miss Wery claims the pet shop gave her a small grey baby budgie and said it was hers.

The pet shop claims it is very unlikely the budgie does not belong to Miss Wery but says it is investigating all possibilities.

Miss Wery said: "After getting back from holiday I went to pick the birds up and realised quickly that my blue male budgie wasn't in the cage.

Budgie dispute: inset, Buddy, left, the new bird and Justine Wery

"There was another budgie in my cage and it looked completely different – it was a different colour, wasn't an adult and had a different coloured beak.

"My other two budgies looked like they were having a go at it so I'm sure they realised it too. I said I wasn't taking the budgie home because it's just not mine."

A spokesman for the pet shop – who denied Miss Wery's allegations – said: "We have been in this business for 30 years and we have never had anything go missing or anything like this.

"We have a strict procedure which we will now follow. But we have no reason to believe that it is not her budgie.

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Restricted area: police were called to Fishermead after an incident which saw a woman seriously hurt

Calm returns to Fishermead

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FISHERMEAD Residents' Association's chairman Terry Baines believes an incident – which resulted in an attempted murder charge – will not have any long-term effects on the area.

Mr Baines praised the resilience of people in the area and feels the incident – which saw a woman rushed to hospital – will not have too much of an effect on the people from the estate.

His views came after Hasan Abdullah appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday, September 11, charged with attempted murder in Fishermead.

Mr Baines said: "I don't feel there will be any repercussions for the people as an estate.

"I actually asked the question of the council and police to see if there was anything either myself or the association could do to help and was told there wasn't. No one has come to us for help.

"People are becoming quite resilient and have a fantastic community spirit and help each other now."

Abdullah, 39, from Reynolds Place, Grange Farm, was charged by Thames Valley police.

Abdullah is accused of attempting to murder Naima Adbi on September 9 at a property in Helford Place.

As he entered the court wearing a grey tracksuit, Abdullah, who was thin and of average height, appeared to be hobbling.

District Judge David Chinery said: "Your case will be sent up to Luton Crown Court for a case management hearing on October 6 and therefore you will remain in police custody."

Police had been called to a house in Helford Place, Fishermead, after an incident which left the victim in a serious but stable condition at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

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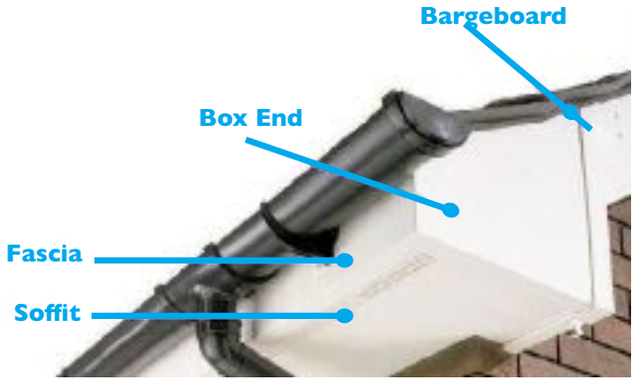

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‘Fantasist’ tried to buy handgun

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MAN who concocted an elaborate story to purchase a gun from the dark web has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import a firearm and ammunition.

Darren Hillyer, aged 38, of Bletchley, posed as a woman aiming to exact revenge on a paedophile ex-lover.

Hillyer, pictured, ordered a Luger LC9 9mm handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition from an account on a dark web forum under the guise of ‘Emma’.

But he was unaware the package was a plastic replica hidden inside a DAB radio which was under the control of officers from the National Crime Agency (NCA).

Hillyer had contacted Ian MacPhee, 47, from Newton Abbot, Devon, who he had met online in a chat room but had never met in person, and convinced him to receive the package and forward it to him.

NCA officers arrested MacPhee on July 28 when he attempted to collect the package. They then traced and arrested Hillyer.

Work colleagues described Hillyer as a ‘fantasist’ and a ‘Walter Mitty-type character’.

Under interview Hillyer claimed his activity on the dark web was part of research to help him apply to join the NCA.

Hillyer pleaded guilty at Bristol Crown Court on Thursday, while MacPhee admitted charges of trying to evade the duty on an imported item. Both will be sentenced at the same court on October 30.

Teen’s cash cut

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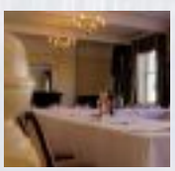

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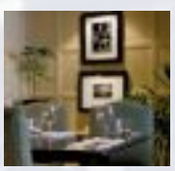

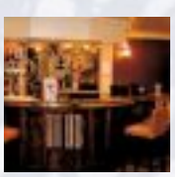

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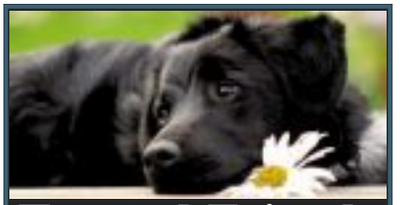

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Bumper crop: Laurence Conisbee at Virtual Orchard cidery

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A BUMPER apple crop is helping a cidery as well as users of Milton Keynes Food Bank

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Owner Laurence Conisbee said: "A lot more residents are experiencing an increase in apples on their trees at home and we have noticed a big increase in people bringing bags of apples to us.

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Greeting the game stars

STUDENTS from Chestnuts Primary School in Bletchley welcomed the Samoan Rugby World Cup squad to the country on Friday.

The children performed 'World in Union' at Brighton Dome – while some of the choir who are deaf performed it in sign language.

Chris Nixon, who entered the school into the ceremony, said: "It was amazing, we're so proud."

Proud moment: Students from Chestnuts Primary School perform at the welcoming ceremony at Brighton Dome

Hotel prices rocket for the World Cup

BY JAMES AVERILL
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HOTEL prices in the city have skyrocketed on the dates for Rugby World Cup games at stadiummk.

The average price of a hotel room on October 1 – the day of the France v Canada game – is £171, almost £100 more than the average 2014 price of £74, according to hotel website Trivago.

That's an increase of 131 per cent – while there is only 16 per cent availability of a room for that evening.

The best day for cheaper rooms and more availability is October 3, when Samoa play Japan. The average room price is slightly cheaper at £161, with 23 per cent availability.

October 6 is the most expensive with an average price of £185, although availability stands at 19 per cent.

Milton Keynes has seen one of the steeper rises in hotel prices to coincide with the event – although it is some distance behind Cardiff, which regularly sees prices above £500.

Birmingham, Leeds and Leicester turned out as the cheapest cities.

Steven Gordon-Wilson, chief executive of tourist information organisation Destination Milton Keynes, said: "It's about supply and demand. Hotels are businesses and it's the same whenever there's a big event."

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Singer Natalie has X Factor

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER MK NEWS tipped her for the top in 2011, Natalie Kassanga has made it through to the X Factor bootcamp with her band Alien.

Natalie and her bandmates last week earned a standing ovation from X Factor judges Simon Cowell, Rita Ora, Cheryl Fernandez Versini and Nick Grimshaw after their stunning rendition of The Black Eyed Peas' hit 'Pump It'.

But at the age of just 11, Natalie's talent was spotted by this paper in its 'MK's Top Talent' competition.

The 18-year-old from Bletchley has been singing ever since she joined Stagecoach in Milton Keynes at the age of eight. She later took to the West End stage in The Lion King as young Nala in 2007 and 2008.

She said: "I can just about remember the talent competition and I think I sang Listen by Beyonce.

"Singing is my passion and I have been performing since I was eight.

"Since the X Factor audition I have been a full time Alien and we are working really hard in rehearsals.

"We didn't expect to get such a good response at the audition and were blown away.

"Alien has been together just a year and a half after meeting at dance studios in Cambourne.

"We chose the Black Eyed Peas song for our audition because it represented us as a band as we are quite urban.

"We will continue to dance and sing in other auditions as it is what Alien do best.

"I really hope people in Milton Keynes can show their support."

Check out the pictures and videos of Natalie performing at www.onemk.co.uk.

Through to bootcamp: Natalie Kassanga with her band Alien

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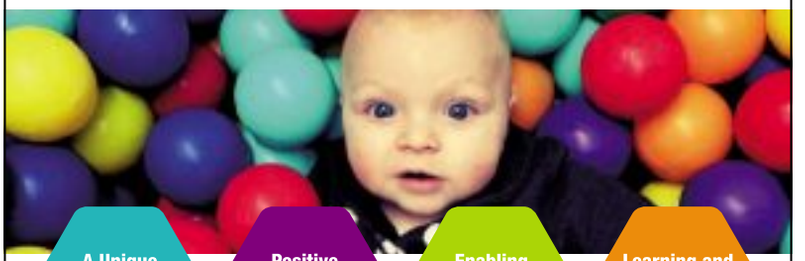

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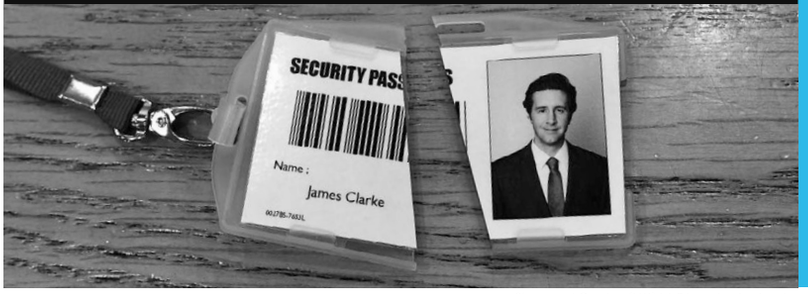

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Welcome news: Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster with Caroline Rollings, managing partner at Newport Pagnell Medical Centre, outside the Willen Village Surgery which is set to reopen in January

Surgery to reopen

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AFTER many months of sensitive negotiations, Willen Village Surgery is to finally reopen its doors in January.

Newport Pagnell Medical Centre has confirmed it will open Willen as a 'satellite' extension to its practice.

The surgery closed suddenly in March, 2013, when Dr Agnelo Lobo resigned with just one day's notice.

Following the sudden closure, residents, local councillors and MPs campaigned to ensure the surgery, in some guise, was able to continue providing GP services.

The surgery will reopen in January under the management of Newport Pagnell Medical Centre with the backing of NHS England.

The official opening date is yet to be announced, but in the meantime, the building will be undergoing some refurbishment work.

A statement issued by the medical centre said: "We are aware of the high public demand for this facility to be reopened as a GP practice.

"The building will need some refurbishment work before we are in a position to open the doors to the public."

On hearing the news, Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster said: "This is such a positive outcome for the residents of Willen and now the surgery has been reinstated, Newport Pagnell Medical Centre will be able to provide an extension of their service to residents in and around Willen at a closer location.

"I couldn't be more pleased that we have managed to bring this matter to a conclusion and I'm looking forward to meeting up with the staff in January."

Caroline Rollings, managing partner at Newport Pagnell Medical Centre, is now urging patients to visit their website http://www.npmc.nhs.uk/ and register their interest to become a patient at Willen.

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Heart-warming gifts to refugees

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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REFUGEES in Calais are to benefit from gifts of clothes which have been collected and prepared by volunteers at Milton Keynes charity MK Storehouse.

Charity workers originally hoped to take the clothes to Calais last week, but it now seems it will be towards the end of September.

Around 250 bags of clothes for men, women and children have been prepared with more collection days in the pipeline should anyone still want to donate.

Gareth Russell, a senior pastor for Grand Union Vineyard Church – the church which set up MK Storehouse – told MK NEWS: "It was amazing in terms of the number of volunteers and the amount collected.

"About 55 people came throughout the day and we started at 9am and finished at 10pm."

The charity also received more than it had asked for as people brought other items.

Helping out: Volunteers at MK Storehouse sort through hundreds of bags of donated clothes for refugees

Mr Russell said: "People brought a number of other things like sleeping bags, rucksacks and blankets. People from all over the city and of all ages came to help out."

The charity hoped to deliver the clothes to Calais in person, but Mr Russell said: "We're looking at the best way to do it at the minute, whether this is delivering the clothes to a drop off point in London or getting the ferry across to Calais.

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Ten volunteers from Future Wolverton, Bridgman and Bridgman and Amey helped in the clear up.

Marie Osborne, a director of Future Wolverton, said: "We're hoping to make the school house a community centre as there is nowhere for residents at the moment. We're very grateful to the volunteers."

Lack of new homes 'costing city jobs'

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MILTON Keynes has missed out on 1,904 jobs because there were not enough houses built in the city in 2014, according to a new report.

The Home Builders Federation says building another 443 homes would have contributed £711,000 towards education, £4.4m in tax, 102 affordable homes and payments of £9.8m to local authorities for affordable homes – and result in the planting of 19,049 trees.

The report, The Economic Footprint of UK House Building – South East, also revealed the full extent of the contributions that house builders provide as a result of building new homes.

A total of 990 homes were started in Milton Keynes in 2014. This level of build would support 4,257 jobs and contribute £1.5m towards education, £9.9m in tax contributions, 228 affordable homes and payments of £21.9m to local authorities for further provision of new affordable homes – and result in the planting of 42,570 trees.

While house building is increasingly being recognised as a key driver of economic growth, there are still not enough new homes being built in the region, according to the report.

Stewart Baseley, executive chairman at HBF, said: "House building makes a huge, but largely hidden, social and economic contribution.

"While housing output in the region has increased, we are still not delivering anywhere near what is needed.

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Help good cause by getting dirty

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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MILTON Keynes is set to have its first-ever ultimate adventure obstacle challenge.

MK YMCA and events company Big Cow have joined forces to create the MK YMCA Dirty Cow on November 22 at Campbell Park.

The challenge is a giant obstacle course which will see participants crawl under cargo nets, climb hurdles and walls, wade through streams and ponds, navigate mounds of tyres and slide down water chutes.

The day is open to everyone, from families to elite athletes, and there will be three courses of varying distances – adults are offered a 2.5km, 5km and 10km course. You will also have the chance to see this reporter trying (and probably failing) not to embarrass himself while completing the course.

Taking part will help to raise vital funds for the work of MK YMCA.

Shahnaz Hussain, YMCA fundraising and events manager, said: "The MK YMCA is a supportive community which exists to inspire and equip young people to achieve their potential. It provides supported accommodation for young adults and emergency accommodation for people in crisis living in Milton Keynes.

Obstacle challenge: the MK YMCA Dirty Cow will be held at Campbell Park

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Ouch: Legs, armpits and eyebrows waxed for charity

at big food festival

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE Big Olney Food Festival returned at the weekend and proved bigger and better than ever.

The event, which promotes local businesses and produce, started in 2012 and raises money for the Christmas tree display in the town.

Hundreds of people turned out for the festival in the Market Square, which is run by volunteers and Total Events to attract people to visit Olney. Organiser Sam McCallum from Total Events said: "This year's event was even more successful and people said it was the biggest and best yet."

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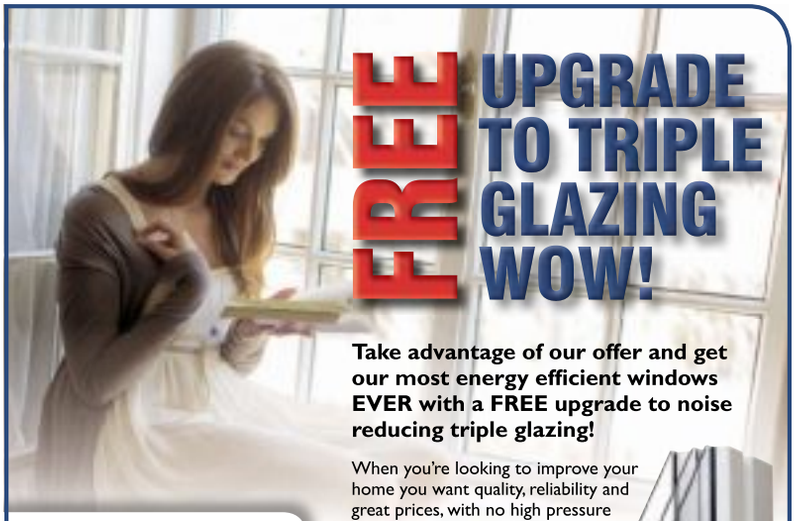

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Phillip Webb, who started the Facebook page 'Save Wolverton Works', said: "The plan by St Modwen will strip Wolverton of the historic buildings we have all grown to love."

Read more about the plans at www.onemk.co.uk.

Protesters: Aidan Ridge, Philip Webb, Deke Holt and Tasha Bailey

Research into alien lifeforms in space

BY JACK ASH
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RESEARCH which may prove that intellectual lifeforms could exist on other planets has taken place at the Open University in Milton Keynes.

Planetary scientist and astrobiologist Adam Stevens, who specialises in the planet Mars, is soon to see his findings published after two years' of work.

The paper, Observational signatures of Self-Destructive Civilisations, discusses the different ways in which extra-terrestrial civilisations could end, including nuclear wars, bioterrorism and planetary pollution.

The paper details the different signals that could be emitted into the atmosphere from these scenarios and the likelihood of these signals being picked up by technology on Earth.

The 29-year-old said: "I had a meeting two years ago with two other scientists about a project discussing how to find life forms on other planets.

"In order to see if further life forms exist you would have to watch the events as they happen and those chances are astronomical with current technology."

Mr Stevens hopes his paper evokes discussion and leads to further investigations with the very nature of the experiment set to outlive him.

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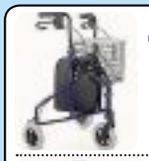

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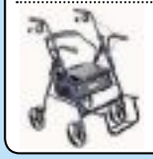

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There are some truly amazing students at Lord Grey School

West Bletchley based secondary school, Lord Grey, is celebrating some fantastic success stories with its 2015 examination results. At GCSE level for Year 11, the top scoring student was Oliver Smith with an A*^ in Further Maths, 7A* and 5A grades. He is going on to study Maths and Science subjects at A level. His focused hard work and dedication have paid great dividends. His family, friends, teachers and governors are very proud of his achievements.

Other top students were Thomas Antolin with 5A*, 5A and 4B grades, including A* in all three Science subjects and Aimee Harris with 5A*, 3A and 5B grades – again she gained A* in all Science areas. Barbara Naughton-Ammon gained 3A*, 7A and 4B grades; and Nick McKenna did exceptionally well with 2A*s, 6As, 5Bs and 1C. Sam Galvin impressed with 8As, 4Bs and 1C.

Superb musician Emma Heath gained an A in Music, plus 1A*, 4 more A grades, 5Bs and 2Cs.
Luke Whalley did very well with 6A and 7B grades and Torea Bowen impressed with 6A, 5B and 3C grades including As in both English Language and Literature. Natalie Bhambra rounded off an impressive top ten with 1A*, 3As, 7Bs and 3Cs including A grades in English Literature and Language.

The Headteacher, Dr Tracey Jones, commented: "I am very proud of all of our students. I am also pleased that Maths GCSE held up well with 59% C grade or better for Year 11 candidates. Our Maths Faculty also impressed with a 75% C+ pass rate in Further Maths. I was also really pleased to see an uplift in Geography scores, with 69% of students getting a grade C or better. Art was impressive with 86% of students achieving a C grade or better and Textiles topped this with 100% of candidates gaining at least a C grade. Other good successes were in Philosophy and Ethics Full Course, ICT, Health and Social Care, Dance, Business Studies and Music. Indeed Music GCSE students gained 100% success at C grade or higher and Media Studies gained 37% at A*/A and 67% at C+. All in all there are lots of things to celebrate and be pleased with."

Chair of Governors, Alicja Tomey, said: "As someone with a background in Science myself, I was particularly interested in the Science grades and I am pleased to see improvements as this faculty has been a big focus for the school and the Governing Body this year. Core Science GCSE was up by 7% and Additional Science GCSE was up by 10%. The grades in Further Additional Science GCSE were stunningly good with 96% of entries gaining a C grade or better and 32% of candidates were awarded prestigious A* or A grades. BTEC Applied Science at Level 1 and Level 2 was also a success considering that a new and very tricky exam element has been introduced for 2015 – the students dug deep and found resilience to face this new examination!

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Lord Grey School

As Science is such an important area of the curriculum, it is great to see this area strengthening."

Rob Page, Deputy Headteacher, was also pleased with the Languages results. As the school has a former history as a Languages College, it remains a high profile faculty for the school. He commented: "German GCSE went up well with a whopping 36% improvement after a disappointing year in 2014. Spanish also rallied well with a 23% improvement on last year. Both subjects came in over target. Portuguese and Italian gained 100% A grades and French was respectable at 45% C grade or above. Well done to all involved. The numerous trips and visits abroad have helped to build students' confidence in speaking foreign languages."

Virtually all GCSE subjects gained 100% A*-G and 100% of students left compulsory education with at least one qualification. The vocational courses also held up well with 100% passes in Hairdressing and Construction and Workskills. ASDAN award did well, as did OCR National ICT, BTEC Business and BTEC Travel and Tourism.

Deputy Headteacher, Nigel Handyside, pointed out: "This is the last year, nationally, in which 5+A*-C including English and Maths is the main 'headline figure' by which to measure school progress. Next year all schools move to the new Progress 8 measure; it will be important for parents, students, governors and employers to start to understand this new measure.

At Lord Grey School we are working hard to position the school's curriculum to be ready for this – the focus is back on GCSEs and there is a move away from vocational courses. This is a national trend. We are also pleased that our EBACC entry has doubled from last year to 51.5% and our success rate for EBACC has gone up 6% from last year. What this shows is that we are building a strongly academic curriculum, which is currently in-vogue, to prepare our young people for the working world in the 21st century."

A final word for top student Oliver Smith – his performance is on a par with previous top achievers – he has matched Zac Peggs, 2014 (8A*, 4A, Quadruple BTEC Distinction) and Joni Downs, 2011 (7A*, 2A and BTEC Distinction). Perhaps one of the new Year 11 students for 2016 will join this elite group - or even surpass them! The school keeps on encouraging its students - aim high and reach for the stars!

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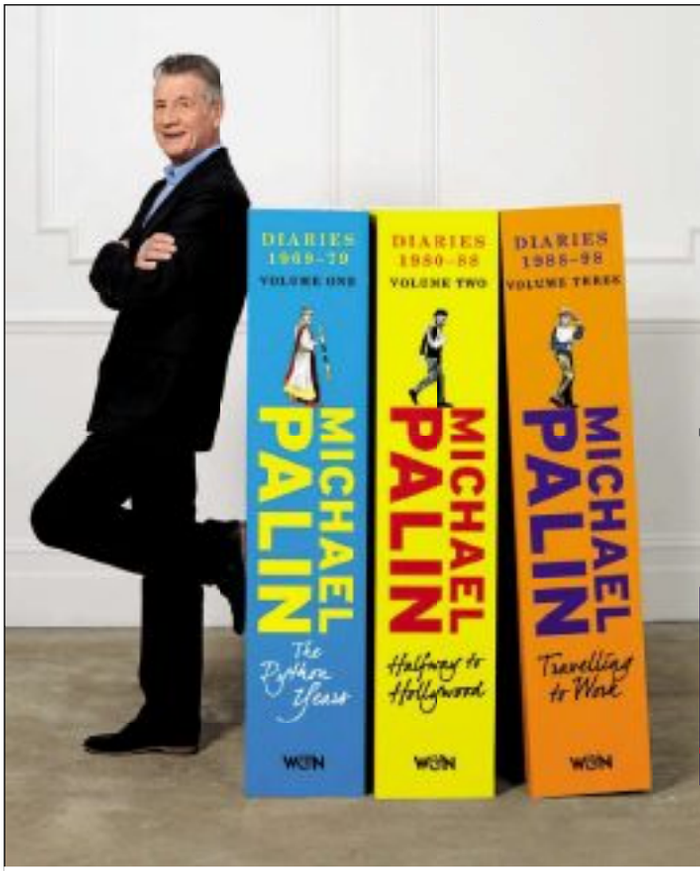

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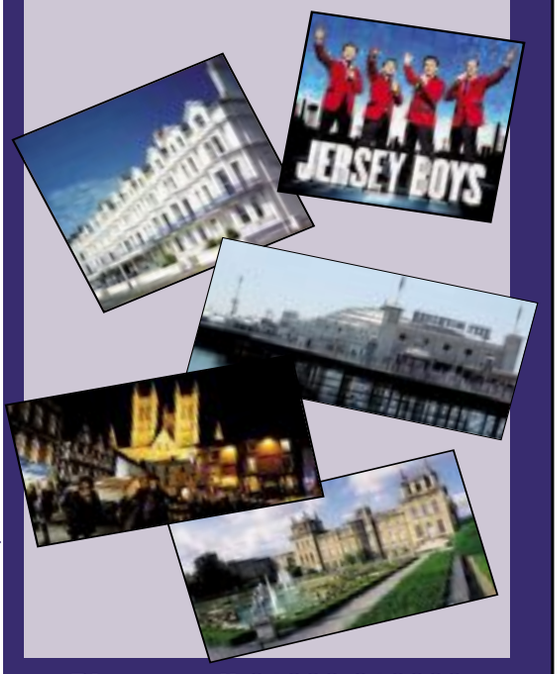

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Basil provides a barrel of laughs at Fawlty Towers

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Out of the 12 episodes, the first nine have been staged in the theatre over the past few years. And between today and Saturday, the final three stories will be told.

The comedy troupe will be returning to the "English Riviera" of Torquay in each performance – and each show will include the series' final three episodes.

Episode 10 is entitled "The Wedding Party" and sees Basil get annoyed when a young and flirtatious couple get under his nose, while also trying to avoid the advances of a wealthy French antique dealer.

The performance will also feature "The Psychiatrist", where two guests seem overly-concerned with the eccentricities of their host – who is also in a fluster because of a particularly attractive Australian guest.

The final episode is "The Kipper and the Corpse" which sees Basil deal with the unpleasant task of removing a dead body from his hotel.

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GaryWilmot

MK LIFE caught up with Gary Wilmot ahead of the performance of Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at MK Theatre.

The actor, an MK resident, is part of the exciting cast also starring Noel Sullivan and Carley Stenson.

Wilmot said: "My character is a bit of a con artist who entices women.

"I think the production is much funnier than the films and live audiences in comedy means they are more involved.

"I love performing at Milton Keynes Theatre and sometimes attend in the audience too."

The show is on from Tuesday, September 22, until Saturday, September 26, with performances daily from 7.30pm and two matinee performances on Wednesday and Saturday.

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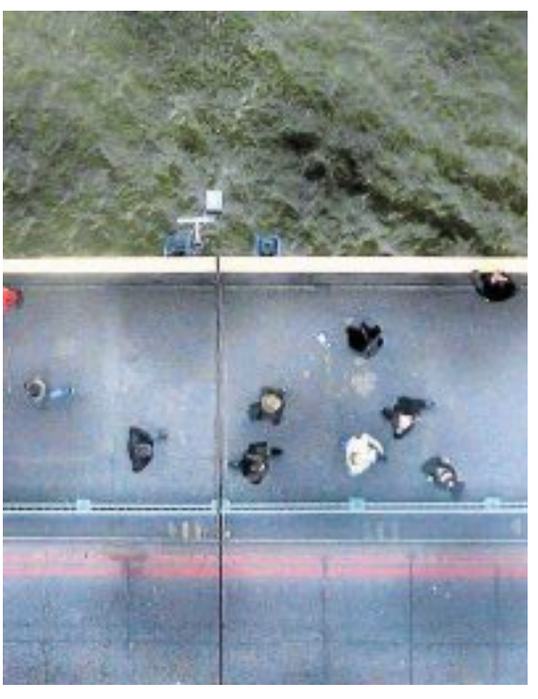

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Songnight

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WENDY, long dark hair, loving and tactile seeks tall well built, young minded male who likes cuddles, kisses and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419025**

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ANNA, busty mature lady seeks no strings discreet meetings with male any age or location. **Tel No: 0906 515 4283 Box 366019**

BECKY 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416233**

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LAUREN, 32yrs, recently divorced, own home and 2 kids seeks single dads or older chap. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4127590**

FIONA, 38yr old slim professional, attractive, sporty, looking for solvent mature male for lots of fun and mutual pampering. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417761**

KAREN, 51yrs, never been married and does not want to be! Just wants a nice kind hearted chap for dates, texts etc. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4032409**

STELLA, trendy female, long black hair, knows what she wants and seeks smart younger guy to give it to her and have lots of fun with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418921**

ANN 40's female looking for male for broad-minded adult fun, no strings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412369**

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JANINE, 46, active solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time be a lot more adventurous, care to join me? **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418191**

SYLVIA, curvy sporty female, 35, tall, leggy and blonde, cultured, classy WLTM mature male, 40-65yrs who is special enough to share my life. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418085**

DEBBIE, beautiful blonde professional, likes the good things in life, seeking male who could show her what she's missing. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418005**

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BOSTON female 56 loyal, intelligent, loves history seeks dependable humorous male for friendship. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4751421**

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JENNY 56, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418437**

ALI 47, seeking male for weekends away, to say have you had a good day, friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418275**

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OLIVIA, naughty blonde widow, slim and active, seeks creative partner in crime to share good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418345**

FIONA, 38yr old slim professional, attractive, sporty, looking for solvent mature male for lots of fun and mutual pampering. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417761**

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KATHERINE 43, petite, brown-eyed brunette seeks slim male with dark hair for some serious fun and passion. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416977**

AMANDA, 41, curvy brunette wanting to try love again looking for special, outgoing male to end bored and lonely evenings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417065**

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ADELE 37, attractive, GSOH, dark hair, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417709**

YOUNG looking 37, curvy, attractive, looking for wild at heart man to enjoy fun times and cosy nights in. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417649**

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PETITE, professional black lady seeks broad-minded white male of any age to share the finer things in life. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417579**

MARGARET adventurous, well preserved professional, loving, kind, with many interests, seeks a younger male for fun times. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416915**

VALERIE, 37, very attractive happy go lucky female, long dark hair, lovely smile, seeks cool exciting guy to enjoy life to the full with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417415**

ALEX, 48, slim blue-eyed brunette, loving and kind, hopeless romantic, likes pubs, nights in/out seeks similar romantic male to get to know. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417413**

MARGARET, stylish blonde widow, young 59, very good company, looking for attractive, cultured, older male to share interests, good conversation and who knows. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417339**

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SINGLE white male, 50, seeks genuine, sincere, black/Asian female for LTR, age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398569**

57YR old white gent, seeks lady for LTR. Age/looks/nationality unimportant, must be genuine and sincere. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411467**

WHITE male, 50, seeks genuine, loyal, sincere black female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413261**

67YR old male, active, fit, likes outdoor life, seeking lady soul mate, 55-65, slim, attractive for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418097**

PETE 55, seeking a mature lady 50 to 70 for fun times , nights out and long term relationship. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4182814**

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BLACK guy, 47, 6"tall, slim and attractive seeks a large built black or white lady 38 to 55 years old. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418745**

ATTRACTIVE guy, solvent, articulate, nice character, seeks lady for adult fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416461**

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GENUINE honest guy, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, not bad looking, seeks female, 50-60, slim-medium build with GSOH, genuine and kind. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 359453**

PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, attractive, genuine, kind, likes theatre, pubs, seeks female, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 366935**

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58YR old male, 5ft 8ins, medium build, attractive, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 390611**

PAUL 58, GSOH, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, average looks, seeks down to earth female up to 60 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398673**

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PAUL 60, divorced, own flat, genuine, kind, working, seeks similar female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418381**

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PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, attractive, genuine, kind, likes theatre, pubs, seeks female, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 366935**

55YR old male, loving, caring, romantic, seeking female/soul mate for LTR **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417967**

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- Family Bathroom
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Integral Garage

Westcroft Offers in Excess **£450,000**

- Link Detached
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

Neath Hill **£239,995**

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
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- Open Plan Kitchen & Dining Room
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

Loughton **£700,000**

- Mid Terraced
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Sought After Area
- No Above Chain

Monkston **£215,000**

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- Lounge
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- Conservatory
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- Gardens
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- No Above Chain

Pennyland **£215,000**

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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Near To Local Amenities

Westcroft **£295,000**

- End Of Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Lounge
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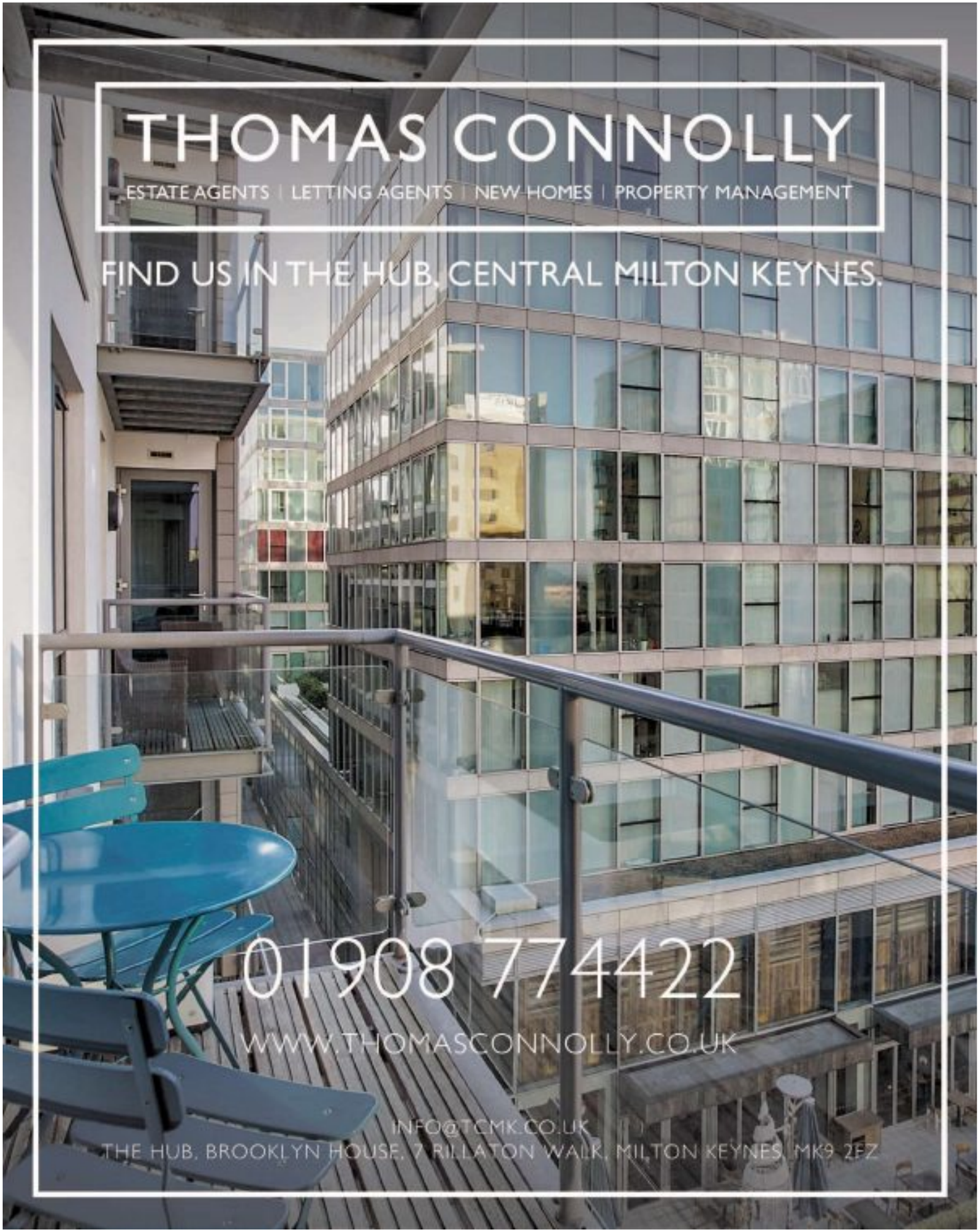
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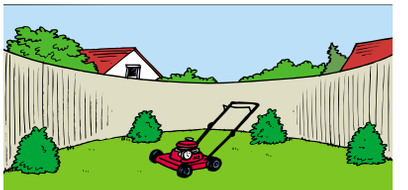

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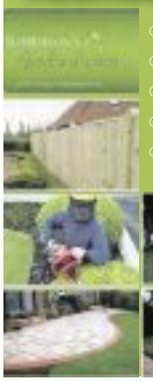

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (AVEBURY BOULEVARD (PART), CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

1st October 2015

- **Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes –** (Eastbound carriageway only) Between Secklow Gate and Lower Twelfth Street.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Secklow Gate, Silbury Boulevard, Marlborough Gate and Avebury Boulevard (Westbound carriageway).
  Controlled access to properties along Avebury Boulevard will be maintained at all times.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 1st October 2015 and will expire on 1st January 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period ***only*** when maintenance or repair works are required and ***only*** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN WOLVERTON AND CROWN HILL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 15th September 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

24th September 2015

- **Hendrix Drive, Crownhill –** From its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with Cruickshank Grove
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H5 Portway, V3 Fulmer Street, Monro Avenue and Hendrix Drive (and vice versa).
- **Bedford Street, Wolverton**
  Controlled access to properties along Bedford Street will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Green Lane, Radcliffe Street and Aylesbury Street (and vice versa)
- **The rear access road between Bedford Street and Raddiffe Street, Wolverton**
  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Bedford Street and Green Lane (and vice versa).
- **The rear access road between Bedford Street and Raddiffe Street, Wolverton**
  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Cambridge Street and Western Road (and vice versa)
- **The rear access road of Western Road, Wolverton**
  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Eton Crescent and Western Road (and vice versa)

25th September 2015

- **The rear access road between Aylesbury and Buckingham Street**
  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street and Buckingham Street (and vice versa).
- **The rear access road of Cambridge Street , Wolverton –** Between Buckingham Street and Aylesbury Street
  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Cambridge Street and Buckingham Street (and vice versa)
- **Peel Road, Wolverton**
  Controlled access to properties along Peel Road will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Windsor Street and Western Road (and vice versa).
- **Jersey Road, Wolverton –** Between Stratford Road and Church Street
  Controlled access to properties along jersey Road will be maintained at all times
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Stratford Road, Anson Road and Church Street (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 17th September 2015 and will expire on 17th December 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period ***only*** when maintenance or repair works are required and ***only*** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Please visit the Councils bus travel web page for all updates on disruptions to local bus services: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

The temporary closures will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

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You can view the above road closures at www.roadworks.org.

16 September 2015

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Bleak Hall

David Hall
Interim Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02041/TCA	Notification of intention to dismantle and leave stump of 1 Horse Chestnut tree (ID#1) at 57 High Street, Olney
15/02159/FUL	Demolition of existing kitchen and single storey rear extension and loft conversion with roof lights at 7 Russell Street, Stony Stratford
15/02212/TCA	Notification of intention to reshape 1x Hawthorn (T1), remove green from 1x variegated Acer (T2) and to fell 1x Cedar (T3) at 4 Home Farm Court, Emberton
15/02227/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to remove deadwood, crown clean and reshape by a maximum of 3 metres to 1x Beech tree (T1)23 Crofts End Sherington
15/02240/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to reduce to 4 meters in height 1x Horse Chestnut tree (T3612), remove deadwood to 1x Robinia (T3601), remove deadwood to 1x Ash tree (T3609), reduce south facing side by 3 meters to 3 x Sycamore trees (T3621, T3622 and T3623) at 22 North Street, Castlethorpe
15/02260/TCA	Notification of intention to remove deadwood, crown clean and reshape by a maximum of 3 metres to 1x Beech tree (T1) at 23 Crofts End, Sherington
15/02263/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce away from the house by 2.5 metres and reshape 1x Acer (T1) and reduce by 4-5 metres to form a structural pollard to 1x Acer (T2) at Peveril, Clifton Road, Newton Blossomville
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02191/FUL	Adjust boundary fencing, entrance gate area, external hard and soft landscaping at The Mill House, Church Street, Olney
15/02192/LBC	Listed building consent to adjust boundary fencing, entrance gate area, external hard and soft landscaping at The Mill House, Church Street, Olney
15/02224/FUL	Demolish and rebuild garage with ancillary accommodation at Grange Farm, 5 Harpers Lane, Great Linford
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/01126/LBC	Listed building consent to carry out internal and external alterations to ground and first floors, including ceiling alterations, floor repairs and replacement, alterations to bathroom, installation of shower room in existing WC, removal of central pillar and replacement with beam, installation of 2 outside taps at Melville Farm, 15 Shenley Road, Bletchley
15/01970/LBC	Modernisation and improvements to Bradwell Windmill, carrying out alterations to planning application 13/00340/LBC at Bradwell Windmill, Nightingale Crescent, Bradville

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Licensing Notices

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 11 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted: Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ.

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signed: JB Planning Associates Chells Manor, Chells Lane, Stevenage, Herts SG2 7AA.

Dated: 17 September 2015

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Any person or responsible authority may make representations either against or in support of the application in writing by the following date: 20th October 2015

To the following address:
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Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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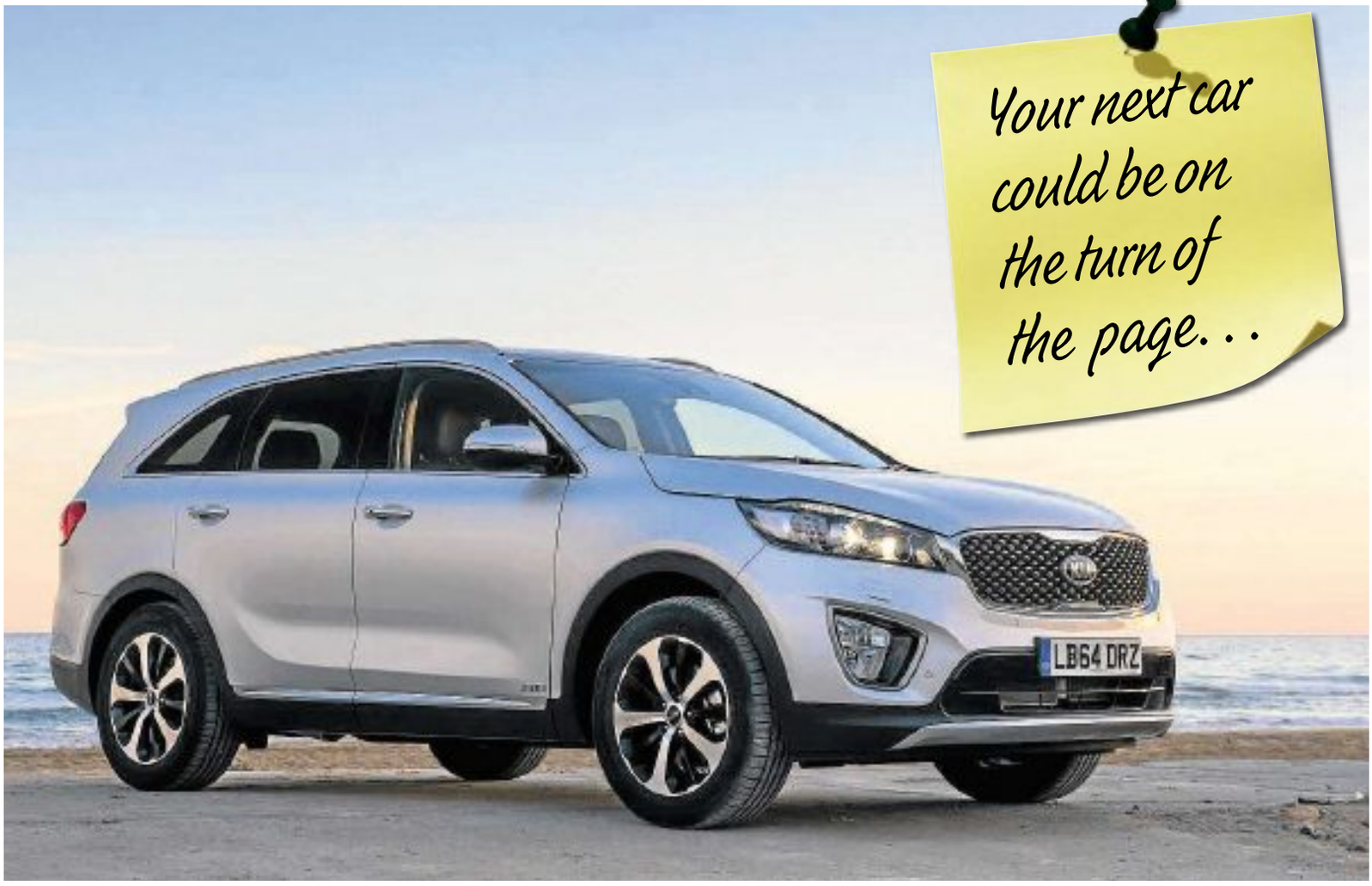

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Introducing The All-New Audi A4

The many attributes which have already made the A4 an international sales success are now available in strikingly amplified form, from the already lauded quality of finish to the sophisticated in-car technology, and from the slick and frugal engines to the polished transmissions and highly effective driver assistance systems. One change which will be distinctly less dramatic will be the range pricing, which despite major equipment gains will start from £25,900 OTR.

Due with their first UK customers in November, the 54 Saloon and Avant variants making up the launch range will be available with a choice of seven TFSI and TDI engines. Depending on the preferred engine, customers will have a choice of up to three specification levels, including a new Sport option which will sit between the entry SE and top S line rungs that will be familiar to existing A4 drivers.

Each specification option will offer plenty of the technological sophistication for which the all-new A4 is likely to become renowned, combined with premium features that will greatly enhance everyday use. Examples of these in SE models include xenon headlamps with LED daytime running lamps, three-zone climate control, cruise control, rear parking sensors and the Audi smartphone interface, which supports Apple CarPlay and Android Auto platforms and displays smartphone contact and information such as navigation mapping on the A4's seven-inch colour MMI screen.

In Avant versions of the SE model, powered tailgate operation and an electrically retracting luggage cover are also standard, facilitating access to a the most accommodating load bay in the premium compact executive estate class, with a capacity of 505 litres with the standard split/folding seats in place or a seats-down maximum of 1,510 litres.

Petrol engine capacities now range from 1.4 litres to 2.0 litres, and TDI displacements from 2.0-litres to 3.0 litres, with outputs starting from 150PS and rising to 272PS. All engines combine high efficiency with outstanding responsiveness and refinement, but particularly notable exponents of these attributes are the two versions of the 2.0-litre TDI engine which in combination with front-wheel-drive are given the 'ultra' designation that signifies the best economy returns in the Audi range. Between them these two units power an impressive total of twelve A4 ultra models.

For business users the 2.0 TDI ultra with 150PS and six-speed manual transmission will be a major draw. It delivers a combined consumption figure of 74.3mpg with CO2 output of just 99g/km, and equally importantly does so with fewer equipment restrictions than the majority of premium sector competitors – its frugality can be enjoyed in conjunction with both SE and Sport specification incorporating 17-inch alloy wheel designs. The 2.0 TDI ultra with 190PS and manual transmission runs its namesake remarkably close, returning up to 72.4mpg with 102g/km.

The particularly cultured V6 TDI engines also show impressive restraint. The 218PS version with seven-speed S tronic transmission registers a 109g/km output when combined with Sport specification and front-wheel-drive, while the more potent 272PS equivalent more than makes the grade with a 134g/km CO2 value.

Also deserving of a special mention is the 2.0 TFSI petrol engine with 190PS. It slashes CO2 output to as little as 116g/km through the use of a completely new combustion process developed using the familiar Miller cycle as its basis, and will be notable for its ability to deliver optimal response across the entire engine speed range.

To fully exploit the economy potential of this absolutely up-to-the minute engine technology, the powertrain and chassis of the new Audi A4 and A4 Avant have also been completely redeveloped. The six-speed manual transmission, the seven-speed S tronic twin-clutch (now also available for front-wheel drive) and the eight-speed tiptronic have been reworked, and in the process the automatic transmissions have incorporated a fuel-saving freewheeling function. Trademark Audi quattro all-wheel-drive is available in conjunction with the 2.0 TFSI 252PS and 2.0 TDI 190PS four-cylinder units and both 3.0 TDI engines.

Audi's drive select adaptive dynamics system (Comfort, Auto, Dynamic, Efficiency and Individual modes) is a standard feature across the range. Highlights of the options list will also include a 19-speaker, 755-watt Bang & Olufsen audio system with 3D sound, Audi Entertainment mobile incorporating two detachable touch-screen tablet computers built into the rear seats, the Audi phone box bringing two separate Bluetooth connections and wireless smartphone charging and MMI Navigation plus with a larger 8.3-inch monitor complemented by the MMI Touch fingertip-responsive touchpad built into the rotary controller.

Numerous state-of-the-art driver assistance systems can be added to make the all-new A4 driving experience even safer, even more efficient and even more effortless. For convenience, the Stop&Go adaptive cruise control system includes a traffic-jam assist function which eases driving in crawling traffic by assuming control of the acceleration, steering and braking, taking into account a large number of parameters such as road markings and the traffic ahead.

Other newly introduced features with a more safety-focused orientation include rear traffic crossing, exit warning and turn assist. Rear traffic crossing aids the driver when reversing by detecting vehicles crossing from behind and initiating an acoustic warning and emergency braking if required; exit warning monitors the rear and side of the car and warns occupants before they open the doors that vehicles or cyclists are approaching from behind; turn assist helps with right turns by monitoring oncoming traffic as soon as the driver switches on the indicator, and can bring the car to a complete halt if a manoeuvre is started accidentally.

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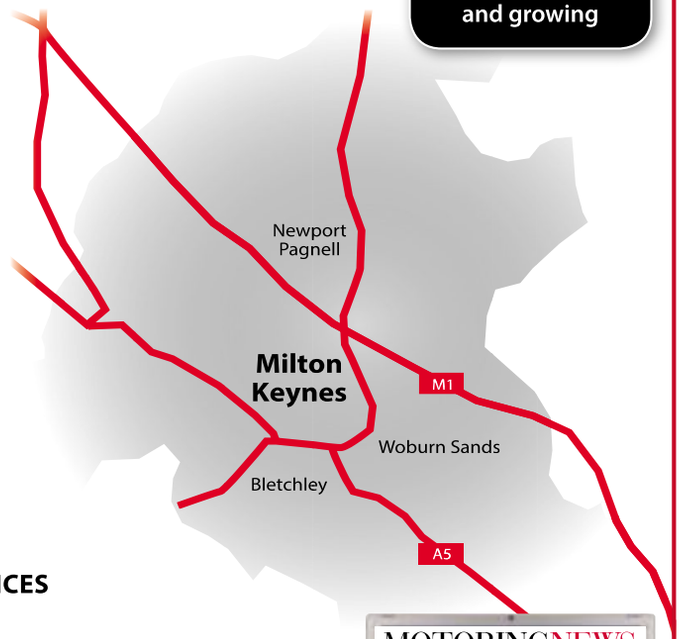

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Kia Sorento

STRIKE THREE

The Kia Sorento has ambition. What started life as an agricultural cheapie has been fettled and polished into something far more refined. This third generation model looks to have the finish and engineering to put the frighteners on the SUV-class high fliers.

Kia hasn't engineered this Sorento by halves. The UK range hinges around a 197bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel engine that develops a peak torque of 441Nm. A great deal of work has gone into improving refinement, with a torsionally stiffer bodyshell, additional soundproofing, acoustic shields built into the engine bay, and a thicker dashboard. Depending on speed, ambient noise within the cabin is claimed to be between three and six per cent quieter than the previous car.

An electric assistance motor is attached to the steering rack rather than the steering column as in the old Sorento, helping to improve steering accuracy and offer more detailed feedback. The fully-independent suspension retains the format of the outgoing model (MacPherson struts at the front and Kia's multi-link system at the rear), but features a range of modifications. At the rear, the subframe supporting the suspension has larger bushings to better isolate it from the cabin and the larger shock absorbers are now mounted vertically behind the axle line, improving body control.

The 'p-word' crops up in almost everything you read about the Sorento: premium. It marks a measure of Kia's ambition. No longer does the brand feel it's achieved something being accepted into the mainstream. It wants to keep on trucking and leave the likes of Ford, Vauxhall and such like behind. There's little doubt that the Sorento's exterior design looks agreeably upmarket. The styling work was led by Kia's Namyang design studio in Korea, with significant input from the brand's Frankfurt, Germany and Irvine, California studios. The face of the new Sorento incorporates long, wrap-around headlamps and more prominent fog-lamps, as well as a larger, more upright 'tiger-nose' grille, with a distinctive three-dimensional diamond pattern. In profile, it retains the Sorento's hallmark long bonnet and trademark chunky D-pillar, but a lower roofline, higher beltline and swept-back shape give the car a more assertive, muscular stance.

It's hard not to be impressed at the way Kia has gone about developing the third-generation Sorento. While some may grumble that we don't really need cars to get progressively bigger with each passing generation, few would have any complaints about the way the Sorento has matured. It's better looking than before and a good deal more design input has gone into refinement, both aural and haptic. It's just a more assured and confident design. What we're still not quite seeing is a pronounced Kia hallmark with this car. It still seems a fairly reactive move to the way the SUV market is developing.

For many buyers, this is no bad thing. The Sorento looks a good deal more expensive than it is and even in a notoriously badge-conscious sector it would appear to be just too much of a bargain to overlook.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Kia Sorento range
PRICES: £26,995 - £41,000
INSURANCE GROUPS: 27-30
CO2 EMISSIONS: 149-178 g/km
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The New Volkswagen Golf GTI Clubsport

At the beginning of next year, the icon of the sporty compact class – the Golf GTI – is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Volkswagen will mark this historic event with a progressive special edition: the new Golf GTI Clubsport. Now Volkswagen is presenting the production version of the new Golf GTI Clubsport at the International Motor Show (IAA) in Frankfurt and offers a first look ahead at the driving performance of the most powerful production GTI ever.

New Renault Megane Unveiled At Frankfurt International Motor Show

With its distinctive lighting signature and balanced proportions, New Mégane is first and foremost a Renault. It adopts the brand's design DNA with broad, sculpted shoulders and a front face incorporating the brand's new design identity, including a large, vertical Renault diamond. As a relative of Renault Talisman, New Mégane boasts a specific lighting signature at the front with, C-shaped headlamps whose surround continues into the bumper. At the rear, the new lighting signature, visible by both day and night, goes right across the car to increase the perceived width of the vehicle.

SEAT Unleashes Leon Cupra With Even More Power

SEAT's performance flagship, the Leon CUPRA, has received a power upgrade, taking it to the heady heights of 290 PS. Offering outstanding performance paired with excellent efficiency, stunning design, individual equipment options and excellent quality are further points that make the Leon CUPRA a very special proposition. The SEAT Leon CUPRA has attracted hordes of admirers, whether as a Sport Coupé, five-door, or the recently launched Sports Tourer version. A concentrated hi-tech package guarantees the enormous performance of the new Leon CUPRA, with the 2.0 TSI engine, featuring dual injection and variable camshaft timing, delivering an output of 290 PS.

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New Volkswagen Caddy And Transporter

The latest incarnations of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles' Caddy and Transporter models will make their UK debuts when they are launched at Van Centres across the UK on the 7th September. Revealed internationally earlier in the year, both models have received significant design and technology enhancements that include upgraded engines, further improved safety features and increased levels of comfort. Volkswagen Van Centres will be celebrating the arrival of both new models with a series of showroom events between 7th and 16th September

2016 World Car Of The Year At London Motor Show

The organisers of the prestigious World Car of the Year Award (WCOTY) have announced that the 2016 WCOTY, to be named at the New York Show in April 2016, will be displayed at the London Motor Show to be staged in Battersea Park in May 2016. The World Car Awards (WCA) is a programme initiated by, and conducted by, automotive journalists across the globe. It's administered by a non-profit corporation, under the guidance of a steering committee of leading automotive journalists from Asia, Europe and North America.

Ford's New Sports Utility Vehicles

Ford of Europe has announced plans to expand its line-up and increase sales in the fast-growing SUV segment in Europe as well as significantly increase its offering of all-wheel drive (AWD) technologies. Starting early next year with the Edge large SUV, which debuts at the Frankfurt Motor Show in European specification, Ford plans to launch five all-new or redesigned vehicles that will compete in the SUV and crossover space in Europe over the next three years. Ford is targeting sales of 200,000 SUVs in Europe by 2016 – a 200 per cent increase compared with 2013.

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Deposit contribution	£4,500.00	Option to purchase fee payable with final payment	£60.00	Excess mileage (per mile)	4.4p
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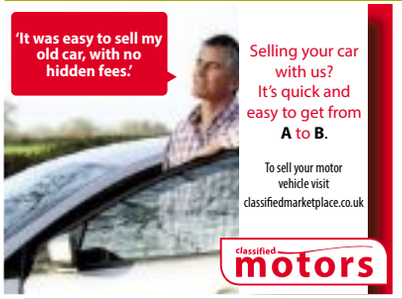

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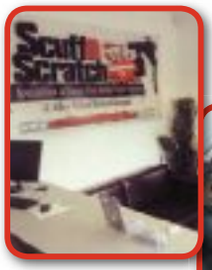

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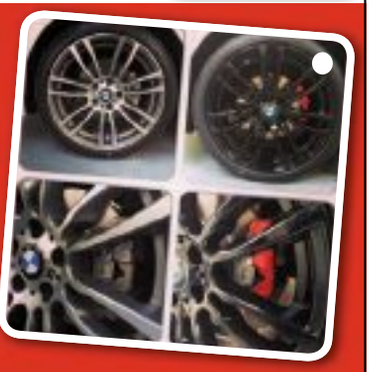

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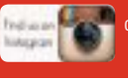

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DONS COLUMN

DONS' kit man Tony Hawkins brings his exclusive Tales of the Kit Room to MK NEWS

WELCOME once again to Tales of the Kit Room during a very busy few days, with two of our longest trips so close together. So, it would seem that TKR has become the place for me to answer the questions I am most often asked. Another that pops up regularly is what it was like to make the transition from fan to kit man.

First off, I am as much a fan as I ever was, but when you work with the first team, your perspective on things changes completely. I still meet up and chat with fans regularly and sometimes I have to confess that I have to sit there and bite my tongue, particularly after a loss. This is not because I disagree with what they're saying, it's just that I see and hear things which provide the clarity needed to assess a performance and, ultimately, the result of a game.

I miss going to games as a fan, especially away games which are a completely different experience to home games. I can recall my first ever away game at London Road when we beat Peterborough during our double-winning season. I travelled on my own on the supporters' coach and knew pretty much nobody. On arrival at the stadium, a couple of now good friends of mine, Martin and Dee, took me under their wing and looked after me.

The noise in the (now demolished) away terrace with its low roof was deafening. I knew from then that I was going to be a Dons fan for the rest of my life. I couldn't wait for the next away game to get together again with people I not only now know as Dons' fans, but many as friends, all of us brought together for one reason: to watch MK Dons play the Beautiful Game.

CRICKET

Stony back in the relegation scrap after loss

STONY Stratford have been lured back into the relegation scrap after defeat and results going against them left the Ostlers Lane outfit second from bottom in the Northamptonshire Cricket League table with just one game remaining.

Stony still need a result at Rushton to be sure of their place in the top tier next season as they lie 16 points ahead of Wollaston, who travel to Horton House on the last day of the season.

Horton House beat Geddington to give them more breathing space but the latter side earned eight crucial bonus points, putting Stony back in trouble.

Paul Blakemore's unbeaten 126 was the real killer for Stony as he struck 15 fours and four sixes from 128 balls to give fellow relegation strugglers Brixworth a 54-run win.

Chasing 258 to win, Stony managed 203, with James Pickles scoring 63, before they were bowled all out.

ICE HOCKEY

Hit and miss: Mixed fortunes for Lightning on the first weekend of the season

Win and loss to start season off

MK LIGHTNING recorded a victory and a loss over their first weekend of the new season against Bracknell Bees and Manchester Phoenix respectively.

Lightning opened their season at the MK Arena against the Bees with three goals in as many third period minutes, easing the home side to a 6-3 victory. However Pete Russell's side lost to Manchester Phoenix the day after, going down at Deeside 4-2.

At the MK Arena, Lightning were 3-1 up at the midway point even after a poor first quarter – the turning point in the game came when Bracknell player Tom Relf was sin binned for tripping David Clements.

Goals for Lightning came in from Blaz Emersic, James Griffin, Josh Cook, Marko Luomala and two from Markku Tahtinen. Ex-Lightning forward Milan Kostourek came back to haunt MK, bagging two goals, and Frantisek Bakrlik finished off Bracknell's scoring.

Meanwhile, Sunday saw Lightning travel to Deeside where goals from Adam Carr and Leigh Jamieson proved to be of no avail as Manchester Phoenix won 4-2.

Lightning started strongly but found home netminder Steve Fone in fine form as he prevented Lightning from going in front.

Goals from Robin Kovar, James Archer and two from Stanislav Gron gave Phoenix a 4-0 lead.

It seemed to be game over but they gave themselves a glimmer of hope when Jack Watkins provided the pass for Adam Carr to score after 49 minutes.

Hopes were further raised as Tahtinen set up Jamieson to score on the powerplay with seven minutes remaining.

Russell then called a timeout to plan a late assault but it was derailed when Jamieson was given two minutes for holding.

Jamieson tried to make amends on his return to the ice but was stopped in his raid on goal as Phoenix won the game.

Lightning's next opponents at MK Arena on Saturday (September 19) are Sheffield Steeldogs – face off is 7pm. On Sunday they go to Peterborough Phantoms, face off 5.30pm.

RUGBY UNION

Win for Bletchley in first game

BLETCHLEY began life back in Southern Counties North with a victory over Stow-on-the-Wold.

Two first half penalties put Stow 6-0 up but Brett Staniford gave Bletchley the last laugh in the first half with Phil Harman converting to give them a 7-6 lead at the interval.

The second half though saw Adam Fox scoring a converted try and Harman kicking a penalty to go 17-6 up. Tom Hannell's 65th minute try sealed a 22-6 victory.

Milton Keynes suffered the same fate as Bletchley last season after they were relegated from Southern Counties North but their Berks/Bucks & Oxon Premier league season began with a 26-17 defeat to Crowthorne.

Olney and Lutterworth traded a penalty apiece at the beginning of their game.

Olney were committed to some robust defending after that, Charlie Belcher and skipper Jack Sutton operating well in the back row, supported by the midfield backs.

Kerr kicked Olney into a 6-3 lead before Lutterworth's forwards found a gap to make it 8-6, although Olney had the last laugh in the first half with another penalty from scrum half Rich Cowan to give them a 9-8 half time lead.

Olney were facing the wind in the second half though and that pressure told as Lutterworth stormed 32-9 ahead with four tries.

Olney were given a penalty try which was converted to provide a consolation as they lost 32-16 in Midlands Two East (South).

SPORTSSHORTS

BADMINTON

CHRIS and Gabby Adcock were left happy as they clocked up some good qualification points for the Rio 2016 Olympics before being knocked out in the quarter-final of the Japan Open.

Meanwhile, Peter Briggs and Tom Wolfenden came close to a brilliant upset as they just fell short of a final berth at the Belgian International on Friday night. The English pair were edged out against India's top seeds Manu Attri and B. Sumeeth Reddy.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club's veteran ladies team comfortably won the Eastern Veterans League Final at Bedford as they beat defending champions, Fairlands Valley by 19 points. A strong Bedford team easily won the men's match with MMKAC in second place for most of the day but a charge from Ryston Runners in the latter stages took them to the silver medals.

In the younger age groups Andre Sinclair-Linton equalled his own M35 veterans high jump record of 1m60 to finish second in this event.

But the overall performance meant that the club won the combined male and female trophy.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town impressed in the first half to beat Harrowby United 4-1 thanks to a brace apiece from Josh Crawley and Sam O'Neill in the United Counties League Premier Division.

In Division One Olney Town lost 2-1 to Potton United midweek with Jack Werndly scoring.

In the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup Olney walloped MK Titans 17-0 with John Mills scoring five goals, Jack Weeden scoring four, Christian Smail and Danny Webb bagging hat-tricks and Werndly scoring twice. Mursley United beat Great Linford 4-0, Stony Stratford Town lost 3-1 against Buckingham Athletic and New Bradwell St Peter defeated Aylesbury United Reserves 3-1. Old Bradwell United won 3-2 after extra time against Winslow United but Hanslope lost 3-0 at Aylesbury Dynamos and MK Wanderers were thumped 16-0 by Pitstone and Ivinghoe United. Clean Slate beat Elmhurst 3-2

In Spartan South Midlands Division Two, Wolverton Town lost 3-2 against Totternhoe.

GYMNASTICS

TWELVE-year-old Gypsy Squires took part last week in the Hertfordshire Championships in Stevenage. Gypsy was in the Espoir Section of the highest level (FIG) and she came third. She scored 46.30 and went home with a bronze medal.

FORMULA ONE

DANIIL Kvyat is expecting another tough Singapore Grand Prix at the weekend, with it being the longest race in the calendar. For the last two years the race was stopped after the two-hour limit rather than by the number of laps completed. The Red Bull driver said: "It's definitely one of the most challenging races of the championship. It's the longest, one of the hottest, one of the most physically demanding races we face but having said that I do like the track, because although it's a street circuit, it's quite a bit quicker than Monaco."

SPORT ENGLAND

DEDICATED volunteers are being given the chance of extra support and free advice.

Sport England has introduced a new one-stop-shop of online resources to provide clubs across the land with guidance on all aspects of running a club, whether it is large, small, formal or informal.

The web tool is called Club Matters and gives practical advice on improving clubs, workshops and mentoring, accreditation, finance, management, marketing, and supporting volunteers, members and coaches. The programme is being backed locally by Leap, the County Sport and Activity Partnership.

Chris Gregory of Leap said: "We know how much sports clubs matter to people and the continuous hard work it takes to maintain, sustain and develop them."

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Battling Dons sunk by Clarets corkers...

Match action: (clockwise from top left) Samir Carruthers on the ball; Carl Baker celebrates his goal; Rob Hill challenges Burnley's Ben Mee

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A COUPLE of beautiful goals from Sam Vokes and George Boyd give Burnley a 2-1 victory over a battling Dons side that put in a great performance at Turf Moor.

It was an entertaining first half and Vokes rocketed an effort into the top corner to give Burnley the lead just after the half-hour.

But Dons were playing confidently and at a high tempo, and it was a great cross from Samir Carruthers that was met with a determined header from Carl Baker to put Dons on terms.

But Boyd showed what Dons are going to be up against this season with a perfect volley to put Burnley 2-1 ahead, a lead the home side hung on to to secure the victory.

The result followed a 2-0 reverse at the hands of Middlesbrough on Saturday, with Stewart Downing and David Nugent scoring.

ROWING

Golden rowers are Masters of the World

MILTON Keynes Rowing Club (MKRC) continued their 20th anniversary celebrations by winning gold at the World Masters Regatta at Hazewinkel Lake in Belgium.

Karen Wilson and Paula Heywood dominated the field in their Masters E coxless pair, by the end the two rowers had a 10-second gap from their nearest challengers with competition coming from teams from Perth Australia, Newhaven US, Csepel Hungary and Nottingham.

The World Masters Regatta is an international event drawing athletes from all over the world.

MKRC entered 15 events and although no more medals were won, there were some respectable placings among the world's best Masters rowers.

MKRC took a 16-strong team over to Belgium for the annual event and cheered their team mates to the gold medal from the river bank.

Louise Rivett, chair of the club, said: "Competing at the World Masters has been a fantastic way to celebrate our 20 year anniversary and to come away with a gold medal is just the icing on the cake.

"2015 has been a successful year all round so far with more gold medals won at the British National Masters championships in June than ever before, as well as a whole host of other wins across all levels of events."

Celebrating: Karen Wilson, left, and Paula Heywood with their gold medals at the World Masters Regatta

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